

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

When an image forming means forms a reading gradation pattern chart, gradation patterns are formed so as to prevent an intensified electric field caused by a potential difference at a boundary of an electrostatic latent image on the gradation patterns, which are adjacent to each other in a sub-scanning direction of an image forming section. With this arrangement, an image forming apparatus for suitably correcting the gradation pattern can adjust image forming conditions in a positive and appropriate manner.

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